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Honorable Nelson S. Román United States District Court Southern District of New York 300 Quarropas Street White Plains, New York 10601

K.B. v. IBM Medical & Dental Benefits Plan for Regular Full-Time & Regular

Part-Time Employees, et al., Civ. A. No. 7:21-cv-01737

Dear Judge Román,

MEMO ENDOR

I represent Defendants IBM Medical and Dental Benefits Plan for Regular Full-Time and Regular Part-Time Employees (the "Medical Plan"), International Business Machines Corp., IBM Office of the Plan Administrator, E. Fleming, and unidentified committee members (collectively, "IBM") in the above-captioned case. I write on behalf of Plaintiffs and IBM (the "Parties") to jointly request a stay of the June 21, 2021 due date for IBM to file a responsive pleading.

On May 19, 2021, counsel for the Parties jointly filed a letter seeking a 30-day extension of IBM's deadline to file a responsive pleading (the first such request). The court granted that request. The Parties noted that they are in the process of discussing a resolution of the abovecaptioned matter and sought additional time to focus on those efforts. The Parties continue those discussions, and now seek additional time to continue these efforts prior to the submission of any responsive pleading. In light of those ongoing discussions, and the Parties' joint desire to avoid unnecessary motion practice, the Parties respectfully request a stay of IBM's deadline and that the Parties be allowed to update the court on status no later than July 21, 2021.

We thank the Court for its time and consideration.

The Court grants the parties' second joint request for a 30-day extension of the briefing schedule to permit the parties' continued settlement discussions as follows: the moving papers shall be served (not filed) on July 21, 2021; the opposition shall be served (not filed) on August 20, 2021; the reply shall be served on September 7, 2021. All motion papers shall be filed on the reply date, September 7, 2021. The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate the motion at ECF No. 49.

> Dated: June 14, 2021 White Plains, NY

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Miguel Eaton Miguel Eaton

SO ORDERED:

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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